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## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Board of Social Work – General Rules**

The Department of Community Health will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2005, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Community Health, Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa, Upper Level, Conference Room One, Lansing, Michigan.

The public hearing is being held to receive comments from interested persons on amendments to the Michigan Board of Social Work Administrative Rules. Currently, the administrative rules for the Board of Social Work establish requirements for individuals to be registered either as a social work technician, social worker, or certified social worker. Public Act 61 of 2004, however, amended the Public Health Code to establish requirements for licensure as a master's social worker and a bachelor's social worker and for registration as a social service technician. Public Act 61 also requires the Department of Community Health to promulgate rules regarding the minimum training requirements for the practice of social work at the bachelor's level and master's levels as well as for the completion of continuing education for license renewal. Consequently, the current rules must be revised to provide for the licensure of bachelor's and master's social workers and the registration of social service technicians in order to comply with Public Act 61.

These rules are being promulgated under the authority of sections 16145(3) and 18501 of 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16145(3) and 333.18501 et seq. and Executive Order Numbers 1996-1, 1996-2, and 2003-018, MCL 330.3101, 445.2001, and 445.2011. The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules.

Hearing comments may be presented in person, with written comments available at the time of presentation. Written comments also will be accepted at the following address or E-mail address until April 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Address communications to:

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A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting the Bureau at the address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at <http://www.michigan.gov/orr>.

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Date: February 14, 2005

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